

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are presently pending and stand rejected.

Claims 1, 6 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fukumoto admitted prior art (FAPA). Claims 1, 6, and 11 to recite, among other limitations "applying a window function to the replicated frames".

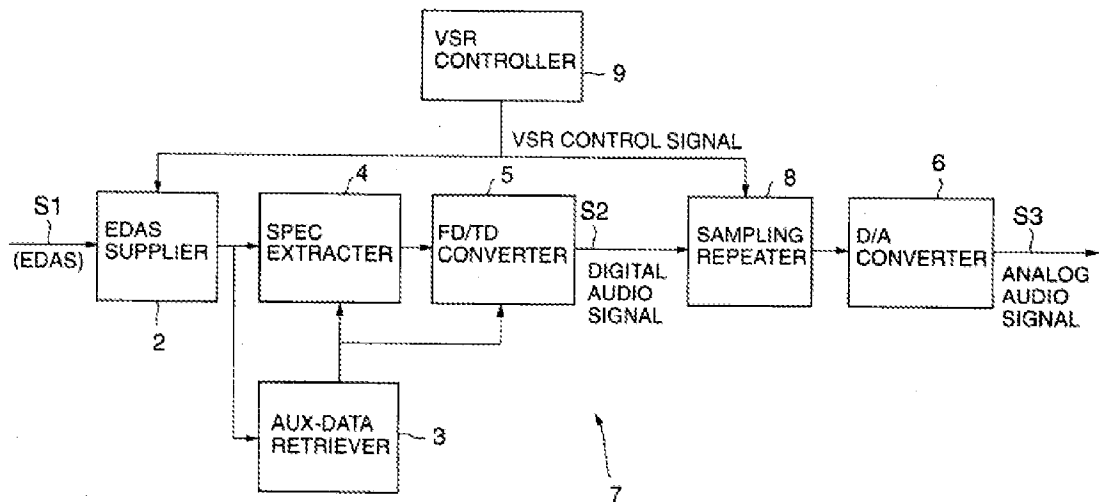
Examiner has indicated that FAPA teaches "generating replicated frames for play back at a desired rate (para 0030), applying a window function to the replicated frames (para 0012: paragraph 0012 of the background teaches in detail how the FD/TD converter works".

Assignee respectfully traverses. It is first noted that FAPA describes Fukumoto, Figures 10, 11, 12, and 13. FIG. 10 shows a block diagram of a known variable-speed reproducing apparatus for reproducing encoded digital audio signals. 0047. FIG. 11 shows the correspondence between (a) a frequency-spectrum component and sine waveforms under (b) (1.times. speed)-reproduction, (c) (2.times. speed)-reproduction and (d) (1/2.times. speed)-reproduction, in the known variable-speed reproducing apparatus shown in FIG. 10. 0048. FIG. 12 shows a block diagram of another known variable-speed reproducing apparatus for reproducing encoded digital audio signals. 0049. FIG. 13 shows the correspondence between (a) a frequency-spectrum component and sine waveforms under (b) (1.times. speed)-reproduction, (c) (2.times. speed)-reproduction and (d) (1/2.times. speed)-reproduction, in the known variable-speed reproducing apparatus shown in FIG. 12. 0050.

Examiner reads the limitation, "applying a window function to the replicated frames" onto FAPA, 0012. It is noted, however, that FAPA, 0012 describes Figure 10.

However, the apparatus of Figure 10 does not perform "generating replicated frames for play back at a desired rate (para 0030)". See Figure 11. The, FAPA 0012, which describes the apparatus of Figure 10, does not teach "applying a window function to the replicated frames".

Paragraph 0030 describes the apparatus of Fukumoto, Figure 12. The apparatus of Figure 12 is copied below:



As can be seen, with the exception of D/A conversion, each operation of Figure 12, including the FD/TD Converter 5 occurs prior to Sampling Repeater 8. Accordingly, Assignee respectfully submits that FAPA, Figure 12 and 13 also does not teach "applying a window function to the replicated frames".

Accordingly, Assignee respectfully requests the Examiner withdraw the rejection to claims 1, 6, and 11, as well as to dependent claims 2-4, 7-10, and 12-15.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee submits that each of the pending claims are now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Examiner is requested to pass this case to issuance.

It is believed that all monies for the actions described herein are provided with this correspondence. To the extent that additional monies are required for any of the actions requested in the correspondence, Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees and credit any overpayments to deposit account 13-0017.

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